(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There is only one Rail Yatri Niwas in Gorakhpur functioning at the present in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A number of stations of tourist interest on Indian Railways have been identified for the construction of Budget Hotel and Rail Yatri Niwases including Lucknow, Varanasi, Allahabad, Balarampur, Gorakhpur, Agra, Jhansi and Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, which will be taken by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation through private participation.

Operational the Railway Safety Fund

2857. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rs.17,000 crore Railway Safety Fund has not become operational even after six weeks of its grant clearance at the Prime Minister's level;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether a major portion of this grant was to be borne by the Finance Ministry and the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, whether any directive has been issued to the Railways for making this Fund operational soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O.P. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) With a view to wipe out the arrears of replacements and renewals on the railways in a fixed time schedule, the Government has decided to set up a non-lapsable Special Railway Safety Fund of Rs.17,000 crores. In the current financial year, this Fund is to be financed to the extent of Rs.1,400 crores. Of this, Rs.1,000 crores are being made available by Ministry of Finance and the balance Rs.400 crores are expected through the levy of a Safety Surcharge on passenger fare with effect

from 1st October, 2001. A Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2001-02 has been presented in the Parliament seeking its approval for setting up the Special Railway Safety Fund, which will become operational after the approval of Parliament is obtained. Meanwhile, the identification of works to be charged to Special Railway Safety Fund in the current year has also been done.

Construction of ROBs in H.P.

†2858. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people's representatives in Himachal Pradesh have requested the Railways for construction of overbridges/under bridges on roads in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken with regard to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Every representation was attended to immediately and the representationists were apprised of the position, as per details given below

S. No.	Representation (S/Sh.)	Demand Raised	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1.	Sant Ram, Forest Minister, Govt. of Himachal & Sant Mahajan, MP	Road Over Bridge at Level crossing near Ganesh Bazar, Baijnath, H.P. on Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Railway line.	The demand was for provision of Road Over Bridge in lieu of L.C. No. 323 at km. 143/2-3 on Pathankot—Joginder Nagar railway line. Traffic density at the level crossing being quite

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.